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Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

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STL City Office

(Formerly Forest Park Office)
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Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

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Rockwoods Reservation

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Special Events

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center Celebrates 25 Years of Serving Nature and You.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary. A lot of changes have taken place since opening our doors in October, 1991, but our mission has stayed the same. Join us for an exciting weekend celebration to include:

Noppadol Paothong

Works in Progress

25 Years of Serving Nature and You

Friday, October 21, 2016, 7 p.m.

(Ages 12 and up)

Reservations begin immediately

Enjoy an evening with MDC's award winning photographer, Noppadol Paothong as he shares his work in progress photography and 25 years of conservation success!

Nop's stories and awe-inspiring photography instill a sense of wonder for Missouri's outdoor world.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 21, 2016

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

(All ages)

No reservations required.

Special activities, music, and fun for all ages are planned throughout the day.

WildHeart in Concert

Explore the world of the wild with Emmy® Award-winning singers and songwriters

Jan and George Syrigos of WildHeart

Join us rain or shine! No reservations required.

Announcements

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Sampling is Now Mandatory for Some Hunters See page 7 of the 2016 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information brochure.

Watch the MDC Wild Webcast: *The Fight Against Chronic Wasting Disease* broadcast on the full screen in the company of others at Powder Valley on Thursday, October 13 at 6 p.m. Reservations begin immediately.

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Events Near You

Visit mdc.mo.gov/regions/st-louis for more information about programs in the St. Louis region.

Jay Henges Range **636-938-9548**

Reservations are required for ALL programs. To register, call (636) 938-9548 ext. 0 or email <http://mdc.mo.gov/HengesRange>.

Deer – Field to Freezer

October 3 • Monday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 19.

Learn the steps necessary to skin and butcher deer meat yourself. We will demonstrate how to process a deer in simple steps with minimal equipment.

Beginning Women's Handgun

October 6 • Thursday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 16 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 22.

This program includes handgun operation, shooting fundamentals, safety, maintenance, and safe storage. Although equipment and ammunition will be provided, you may bring your own handgun and ammunition to the live-fire session.

Deer – Sausage and Burger Making

October 11 • Tuesday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 27.

We will demonstrate the steps necessary to make deer meat into sausage and burger. We will also discuss the needed supplies and equipment. You'll learn tips on how to store your venison sausage and burger once it is prepared.

Beginning Atlatl

October 15 • Saturday • 8–9:30 a.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 1.

Learn the art of atlatl. The atlatl is now a legal method of harvesting deer in Missouri. Ages 11-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Deer – Venison Cooking

October 18 • Tuesday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 4.

Join us for an evening of venison cooking. We will discuss the supplies and equipment needed as well as provide several recipes you can take with you.

Beginning Woman's Trap Shooting

October 20 • Thursday • 6–9 p.m.

(Experienced shotgun shooters, ages 16 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 6.

Join us as we learn the basics of trapshooting; covering guns, ammunition, rules and etiquette. Then we will shoot a round of trap for fun.

Shotguns, ammunition and safety equipment will be provided.

Youth .22 Rifle

October 29 • Saturday • 8–9:30 a.m.

(Ages-15)

Reservations begin Oct 15.

Interested young people who have never had experience shooting .22 rifles are invited to participate in a Saturday morning session learning safety and the proper techniques of shooting .22 rimfire rifles. Firearms, ammunition, and safety equipment are provided.

Busch Range **636-441-4554**

Field to Freezer

Oct 1 • Saturday • 9–11 a.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 1.

This program will teach what to do with the deer after the shot. We will cover all the aspects of field dressing, safe knife handling, and tools you need to properly prepare your venison for the freezer and we will also cover proper packaging techniques. The program will be held in the August A. Busch Conservation Area classroom. Dress for the weather.

Beginning Atlatl

Oct 8 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–noon

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Survival Tactics for the Outdoorsman

Oct 12 • Wednesday • 6–8 p.m.

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Reservations begin Sept 12.

Learn the basic survival necessities when stranded, lost, or injured, in the woods. The program will be held in the August A. Busch Conservation Area classroom.

Basic Archery

Oct 22 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–noon

(Ages 9 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 22.

Acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely participate in this fun and rewarding outdoor activity. All equipment and materials will be provided for this class. The program will be held in the August A. Busch Conservation Area classroom.

Youth/Women's Duck Hunt

Oct. 27 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 27.

For youth and women new to duck hunting who are hunter education certified. On Oct 27 we will meet in the August A. Busch Conservation Area classroom for a clinic where we will cover safety, clothing, blind and decoy placement. We will head to the wetland area at Busch for duck hunting; Nov 5 for youth ages 11-15 and Nov 6 for women.

Turtles for Tots

Oct 7 • Friday • 10–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3–6)

Reservations begin Sept 23.

What are these special reptiles doing as they begin to prepare for fall's chilly weather? We will play a game to help us understand the struggles of being a turtle. Touch tables and a hike are also included.

Scout Discovery Tables: Poisonous and Venomous Things

Oct 8 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages)

No reservations are necessary.

Our Scout Discovery Tables help Scouts earn portions of badges relating to nature or wildlife. October's program offers specimens of various plants and animals that are poisonous or venomous, and take-home informational brochures. Discovery Tables are open to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the general public.

Tree Cookie Craft - Trees of Missouri

Oct 12 • Wednesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Adults)

Reservations begin Sept 28.

Create a take-home autumn craft using tree cookies. Learn about the identification of the trees of Missouri. There is a short hike at the end for those who are interested. All supplies will be provided to create the craft.

Babes in the Woods

Oct 13 • Thursday • 9:30–10 a.m.

(Ages 0–3)

Reservations begin Sept 1.

It's never too early to introduce your little one to the wonders of nature, and fall is a perfect time to enjoy nature. Join us for a stroller walk outdoors. Discover how nature appeals to our senses no matter what our age.

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Noppadol Paothong

Works in Progress

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(Ages 12 and up)

Enjoy an evening with MDC's award winning photographer, Noppadol Paothong as he shares his work in progress photography and 25 years of conservation success! Nop has painstakingly photographed the development of life processes, which he calls "works in progress," including the monarch butterfly and three-toed box turtle. He will also show some of his most popular photos of Missouri conservation successes. His stories and awe-inspiring photography instill a sense of wonder for Missouri's outdoor world. Reservations begin immediately.

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(All ages)

No reservations required

Special activities, music, and fun for all ages are planned throughout the day.

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Explore the world of the wild with Emmy® Award-winning singers and songwriters **Jan and George Syrigos of WildHeart**. Come along on their musical journey discovering nature right here in Missouri. Upbeat conservation-friendly tunes sing of wild animals, their characteristics, and habitats.

Join us rain or shine! No reservations required.

October Hallway Exhibit

Noppadol Paothong Photography Exhibit

Experience the photography of Noppadol Paothong, MDC's award winning photographer. From black bears to monarch butterflies to native plants, enjoy the natural world of Missouri through Nop's eyes.

Managed Archery Deer Hunt

Powder Valley's building and trails are CLOSED Saturday, Nov 5, through Monday, Nov 7 for a managed archery deer hunt.

You and Me under the Canopy

Oct 26 • Wednesday • 10–11 a.m.

(Ages 2–6)

Reservations begin Oct 12.

Come see the topic we are exploring this month. Families, meet in the nature center lobby for a "nature" adventure. Everyone will hike with the naturalist to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the tree canopy. Siblings are welcome.

Animal Tricksters

Oct 28 • Friday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Families ages 7 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 14.

Halloween is the perfect time for tricksters to roam about. Join Missouri Department of Conservation Naturalists as we explore the animal tricksters that call Missouri home.

**August A. Busch
Conservation Area**
636-441-4554

Nature on the Run

Oct • Mondays • 8 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

(12 and up)

Reservations begin Sept 26.

Escaping to the great outdoors does wonders for your health physically and mentally so switch up your routine and take your cardio outside! Every Monday morning for the month of October join us for an easy going run as we explore a different area of Busch each week!

Pokemon GO-On a Hike!

Oct 11 • Tuesday • 5 p.m.

(Ages 8 to Adult)

Reservations begin Oct 1.

Charge your phone and load up on pokey balls in preparation for a group hike at Busch. You're bound to hatch an egg or two and possibly catch new pokemon!

Lewis Hike

Oct 22 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

(Adults)

Reservations begin Oct 7.

Join us for an 8.3 mile hike through the beautiful forests at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. This difficult hike is worth the trek once you see the panoramic views!

Busy As a Beaver

Oct 29 • Saturday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 7-12)

Reservations begin Oct 14.

Did you know that beavers are the reason that St. Louis City was established at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers over 250 years ago? Come learn more about it as well as how we helped reestablish beaver populations after they dwindled to almost nonexistent 100 years ago!

**STL City Office
(Formerly Forest Park Office)**
314-877-6014

Please note: The Forest Park Office is relocating to South St. Louis. While the move is underway, reservations will be handled through the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area office at 314-877-6014 Wednesday–Sunday.

**Poisonous and Venomous
Things Discovery Table**

Oct 1 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages)

No reservations required.

Drop by the Forest Park Visitor Center any time during the 4 hour time period to learn about the poisonous and venomous plants and animals of Missouri. There will even be some live animals on hand for you to meet!

**Youth Orienteering and
Geocaching**

Oct 14 • Friday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(Ages 10–14)

Reservations begin Sept 23.

Learn to navigate the Forest Park with a map and compass in the morning, break for lunch, and then try your hand at geocaching in the afternoon. Participants should bring a lunch, water bottle, and dress to be outdoors for the day. Completed release/waiver must be received before participating.

**Columbia Bottom
Conservation Area**
314-877-6014

Hunter's Moon Hayride

Oct 20 and 21 • Thursday and Friday • 5:30–9 p.m.

Reservations begin Oct 5.

Join us for a hayride under the waning hunter's moon. The night comes alive with the sights and sounds of Columbia Bottom's night life residents. Rides will require a reservation and will leave the visitor center at 5:30, 5:45, 7:15, and 7:30 p.m. Call for handicapped accessible ride information.

Rockwoods Reservation
636-458-2236

Raptors of Missouri

Oct 13 • Thursday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 7–12)

Reservations begin Sept 29.

Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls are magnificent and highly specialized birds that we call raptors. Learn what makes these birds of prey both masters of flight and supreme hunters, and find out why it is so important that we protect these predators.

**Soap Making the Old Fashioned
Way**

Oct 15 • Saturday • 1–4 p.m.

(Adults)

Reservations begin Sept 30.

Learn how soap was originally discovered and made. Learn the basics of making soap, the role wildlife played in the historic process, and how it differs today. Try your hand at making different soaps, including insect-repellant bars.

Nuts About Squirrels

Oct 18 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 3–6)

Reservations begin Oct 4.

Why are squirrels gray, what do they eat, and how do they climb trees? Stories, games, a craft, and an outdoor acorn hunt will help your child learn about these familiar Missouri mammals

Volunteer Milestones

August A. Busch Conservation Area

- Al Newman 500 hours
- Amy Wilsdorf 400 hours

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

- Claire Anderson 400 hours
- David Anderson 300 hours
- Ginny Bilbro 1000 hours
- Frank Cook 100 hours
- Phyllis Moehsmer 300 hours
- Gus Ottinger 300 hours
- Bud Reber 100 hours
- Wayne Schiefelbein 500 hours
- Pat Siewing 500 hours
- Sandy Stevenson 200 hours
- Ray Zimmerman 3500 hours